1	2	3	4	5	6	7
42	Aurangabad Municiapal Zoo	Aurangabad	Maharashtra	Small	1	1
43	Nisargakaavi Bahinbai Chaudhary Pranisangralay	Pune	Maharashtra	Small	1	1
44	Indira Gandhi Park and Zoo	Rourkela	Orissa	Small	1	1
45	Jodhpur Zoo, Jodhpur	Jodhpur	Rajasthan	Small	Nil	1
46	Udaipur Zoo	Udaipur	Rajasthan	Small	Nil	1
47	VOC Park Mini Zoo	Coimbatore	Tamil Nadu	Small	Nil	1
48	Pt. Govind Ballabh Pant High Altitude Zoo	Nainital	Uttaranchal	Small	1	1
49	Marble Palace Zoo	Calcutta	West Bengal	Small	Nil	1
50	Padmaja Himalayan Zoological Park	Darjeeling	West Bengal	Small	1	1
				TOTAL	54	68

As per the Norms laid down in Recognition of Zoo Rules, 1992 (As Amended) their should be two veterinary officers in large and one veterinary officer in medium and small zoos.

Future plan for protection from Tsunami

503. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state the plans to protect the country's shorelines from future Tsunami threats using Environment as a weapon, such as mangroves, etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): A rapid assessment of the environmental damages caused by recent Tsunami has been commissioned by the Ministry of Environment and Forests by engaging nine specialized agencies in the country. This is to be followed by the detailed field studies for the preparation of eco restoration and environmental management plans for the protection of the coastal areas.

Damage to forests and property by fire

†504. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that devastating fire is causing heavy damage to forests and property;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details of the same during the last two years, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for preventing such damage to forests and property?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However there are instances of ground fire affecting flora, fauna and regeneration in particular.

(c) Central assistance is being provided to the States and Union Territories under the Integrated Forest Protection Scheme for prevention and control of forest fires. The funds are provided for creation and maintenance of fire lines, engaging of fire watchers during the fire season, construction of fire watch towers, construction of water harvesting structures, purchasing of field vehicles, assistance to village forest committees, training, awareness and publicity.

Steps to control the pollution in Metro cities

505. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the necessary steps taken by Government with regard to control the pollution in the metropolitan cities of the country;

(b) whether environmental awareness programme is being implemented by Government in these cities; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) The Government has taken various steps to control pollution in metropolitan cities, which include the following:—

— Notification of general and source specific emission and effluent standards.

— Enforcement of auto exhaust emission standards for new vehicles at manufacturing stage.

— Improved fuel quality.